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The CANNIFFS in Canada

Prepared by E. Claude Young, U.E., from available records such as in the SETTLEMENT OF UPPER CANADA by Dr. William Canniff; PIONEER LIFE ON THE BAY OF QUINTE; examination of some old family bibles, deeds, wills and other papers in possession of descendants of this district; together with tombstones in district cemeteries.

Dr. William Canniff traced the family back to Dutch origin and determined from records available to him, the name now known as CANNIFF was at times known as Canlif, Canliff, Cunliff, Candiff and Canif

Recognized as the progenitor of at least three of the Canniffs who came to Upper Canada following the Revolutionary War, was Jeremiah Canniff, a Deacon of the old Sleepy Hollow Church, immortalized by Washington Irving. He was married to Annatie de Rivier at the old Dutch Church at Tarrytown, N.Y. and three of their sons were: John born in 1757; James in 1765; and Abraham in 1770

John Canniff born 1757 near Bedford, N.Y., became a refugee to New Brunswick after the treaty of Peace in 1783; coming to Upper Canada and settling about 1788 at Adolphustown; then about 1805 moved to Hastings county where he obtained land up the Moira River (then known as Meyer's Creek) and established saw and grist mills at what became known later as Cannifton.

While in Adolphustown he became well acquainted with a neighbour, the widow Elizabeth (Miller) Roblin whose husband had died from disabilities received at the hands of the rebels and during his subsequent incarceration for maintaining his loyalty to the British Crown.

John Canniff and Elizabeth Roblin were married prior to moving to Hastings county, and the three children born to them were:

Daniel Canniff born 1795, died 1855 at Cannifton

Other details are not available

Phoebe Canniff born 1797, died 1877 at Cannifton

In 1812 she married Shubael Dunham FOSTER who came to Canada with his parents in 1810 at age of 24.

(See FOSTER family for details of their family of eleven children)

Joseph Canniff born 1799, died 1872 in Cannifton

Married 1st, Sarah GILBERT 1800-1826

Married 2nd, Phoebe GILBERT 1804-1870

FAMILY OF JOSEPH and SARAH:

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|----|--|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Sarah Elizabeth | 1824-1852 m. Peter FARLEY | 1826-1891 |
| 2. | John | 1826-1891 m. Mary VROOMAN | 1827-1915 |
| | Peter V. | 1847-1872 | |
| | Sarah E. | 1848-1932 m. Robert D. WATSON | 1840-1921 |
| | Harry C., and John C., died in infancy | | |

FAMILY OF JOSEPH and PHOEBE:

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|-----|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Catharine | 1830-1892 m. George S. BROWN | 1833-1880 |
| | James BROWN | 1854-1919 | |
| 2. | Nancy Matilda | 1832-1913 m. John CRISS | |
| 3. | Melissa | 1836-1853 | |
| 4. | Gilbert | m. Sarah SILLS | |
| 5. | Elizabeth | m. Peter FARLEY | |
| 6. | Sarah Elizabeth | m. Cornelius ROSS | |
| 7. | Phoebe | m. William TOMLINSON | |
| 8. | Dancy | m. Robert McTAGGART | |
| 9. | Mary | m. Charles ASHLEY | |
| 10. | Joseph | m. daughter of Jacob Sills | |
| 11. | Emma Jane | 1847-1930 m. William SILLS | 1837-1945 |
| 12. | Philo | 1834-1911 | |

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James CANNIFF, second son of Jeremiah and Amatie CANNIFF of Poughkeepsie county, New York, is said to have married a Irish girl, named McBride in Dutchess county, N.Y., before coming to Canada and settling in Adolphustown area some years after his brother John had settled there.

The known details of family of James are:

1. Jonas(junior)CANNIFF who later helped his Uncle John in 1790-1882
the saw and grist mills at Cannifton.

After serving in the War of 1812, he established such mills
and operated same at Cannifton for several years

He married Letty FLAGLER, daughter of pioneer family 1787-1861

THEIR FAMILY:

- 1) Catharine 1814-1837 um.
- 2) Elizabeth 1816-1857 m. John G. Ross
- 3) Anna 1818-1847 um.
- 4) James 1819-1888
- 5) Phillip Flagler 1821-1911 m. Sarah Eliza OSBORNE -1957
- 6) Matilda 1824-1835
- 7) Amada 1827-1898 m. Henry THORPE, Sheriff of Prince Edward Co.
- 8) William M.D. 1830-1910 m. 1) Miss Hamilton 3 boys, 1 girl
2) Elizabeth FOSTER (in 1859)

Frank Flagler CANNIFF 1863-1864

Aubrey Quinte CANNIFF 1876-1898

- 9) Margaret 1835-1835

2. John McBride CANNIFF Drowned in Moira River -1824

In 1816 had married Nancy DULMAGE, U.E.

Sarah CANNIFF 1817-1819

Jane Ann 1818-1902 m. 1st. Silias THOMPSON
2nd. John G. ROSS

Levi 1820-

Sarah Eliza 1822-

John 1824-

3. Mehitabel Leavens CANNIFF 1802-1875

4. Phillip F. CANNIFF

married Sarah Eliza OSBORNE

-1957

5. ~~John~~ Margaret CANNIFF

married Capt. John SINGLETON

6. Anna CANNIFF

married in 1818 to Cornelius Vanhorn of Adolphustown

7. Elida CANNIFF

married Reuben CLAPP

Their son Phillip CLAPP married Sarah VanTassell,
finally settled in Vancouver, with nine children

8. Mary CANNIFF

married Rickeston HAIGHT

9. Sarah CANNIFF

Married Thomas W. CASEY

1797-1879

1798-1885

10. Cleo CANNIFF

Married Charles CHAMBERLAIN son of Sir Joseph Bailey CHAMBERLAIN

11. Elizabeth CANNIFF

Married Samuel HAWLEY

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Abraham CANNIFF, youngest son of Jeremiah and Annatie Canniff of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was born in 1770 in Dutchess county, N.Y.

Insofar as can be learned he came to Upper Canada about 1820 and located at Cannifton in Hastings county

Best information available is he married Elizabeth Ann, whose surname is not available, although cemetery records indicate birth 1778, death 1853.

Their Family were:

1. Abraham A. CANNIFF for a time a yeoman, then grocer. 1805-1890
 married, 1st) Nancy (Dulmage) CANNIFF widow of John McBride CANNIFF
 - 1) Jacob Dulmage CANNIFF 1827-
 - 2) Samuel Robinson Canniff 1829-
 - 3) Abraham B. CANNIFF 1831-1831
 - 4) Eva C. CANNIFF 1832-1832
 - 5) Ellen (Nellie) CANNIFF 1834-1873 m. Charles JAMES, Napanee
 Anna Louisa JAMES 1861-
 Charles Canniff JAMES 1863- m. Lillian CROSSEN
 Wilfred Crossen JAMES
 Arthur Edward JAMES m. Set. Everett, Wn.
 Everett William JAMES
 - 6) Matilda CANNIFF 1836-1838
 - 7) Stephen Wesley CANNIFF 1839- m. Mary PARKS Janesville, Wisc.
 2nd) Elizabeth (Guy) CANNIFF 1823-1898
 Widow of John Weeks CANNIFF
2. John Weeks CANNIFF Executors of his will were brothers 1808-1864
 Abraham & Jonas A. Witness, Daniel Canniff
 married Elizabeth GUY 1823-1898
 - 1) Nancy CANNIFF 1842-1842
 - 2) Warren I. 1843-1863
 - 3) Perry 1845-1845
 - 4) Guy W. 1847-1891 m. Susan BOVAY of P.E.Co.
 1888-1904
 Arthur CANNIFF
 Bertha Elizabeth m. William COLE -1940
~~William COLE~~ 3 daughters
 - 5) Lodeema 1850-1851
 - 6) Robinson A. 1860-1862
 - 7) Sarah Eliza 1863-1940 m. (1900) George HEARNS 1853-
 Clarence Canniff HEARNS 1901-
 m. (1922) Edna Mildred CLAPP
 Audrey May HEARNS 1924-
3. Jonas A. CANNIFF Blacksmith at Cannifton 1823-1893
 married Mary E. BOWELL (sister of Sir Mackenzie BOWELL)
 4. Richard CANNIFF
 5. James CANNIFF
 6. Mary CANNIFF (d)
 7. CANNIFF who married John BOUSKILL, Wavt Bank, P.O. Man.

UNPLACED CANNIFFS

Abraham CANNIFF farmed on pt Lot 2 Con 4 Madoc Twp around 1850 to 1880

Isaac CANNIFF farmed on pt lot 2 con 4 Madoc Twp around 1850 to 1880

He is said to have been a son of

Joseph CANNIFF who in 1781 was a Lieut in the New Jersey Volunteers

Isaac said to have been born in 1806, married and had a daughter

Eliza born 1832 who married Henry WANNAMAKER in Rawdon, and their

daughter Sarah married Hiram ROSEBUSH of Rawdon, whose daughter

Bessie ROSEBUSH married John Roy BUSH

John W. CANNIFF b. at Cannifton 1854-1895

B. P. " 1862-1900

Annie 1857-1898 m. F. J. HOWE

Daniel J. 1827-1900 m. Angelina CONSAULUS 1827-1903

John Henry CANNIFF

Helen widow of M. W. CANNIFF supposed to have been a daughter of Jonas A CANNIFF

Steven S. CANNIFF

John Canniff at Newburgh in Jan. 1862 made a will leaving everything to his Mother, Ann Canniff and her husband Abram Canniff. Making Abram his executor. Will was witnessed by Cephas H. Miller and J. A. Thomson

On the 26th of Sept. 1856 Joseph Canniff deeded to J. W. Canniff 1/8th acre of lot 6 con 3 Thurlow (at Cannifton). This property now in hands of Clarence C. Hearn's grandson of John Weeks CANNIFF

CNEMETERY RECORDS:

St Thomas' in Belleville:	Daniel CANNIFF	1795-1855
	John CANNIFF	1757-1843
Cannifton	Abraham CANNIFF	1812-1896
	Elizabeth Ann	1778-1853
Belleville	Sarah Eliza Osborne	-1957
	relict Phillip F. CANNIFF	

Charles Canniff JAMES (son of Ellen & Charles James) for over twenty years
Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Ontario

The above information was obtained from the records of the FBI, New York City Office, dated 10/10/68.

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Dutch Reformed Church, Sarreys town.

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Jeremia and Antie Kenniff sponsors at baptisms 1717-1730
marriages

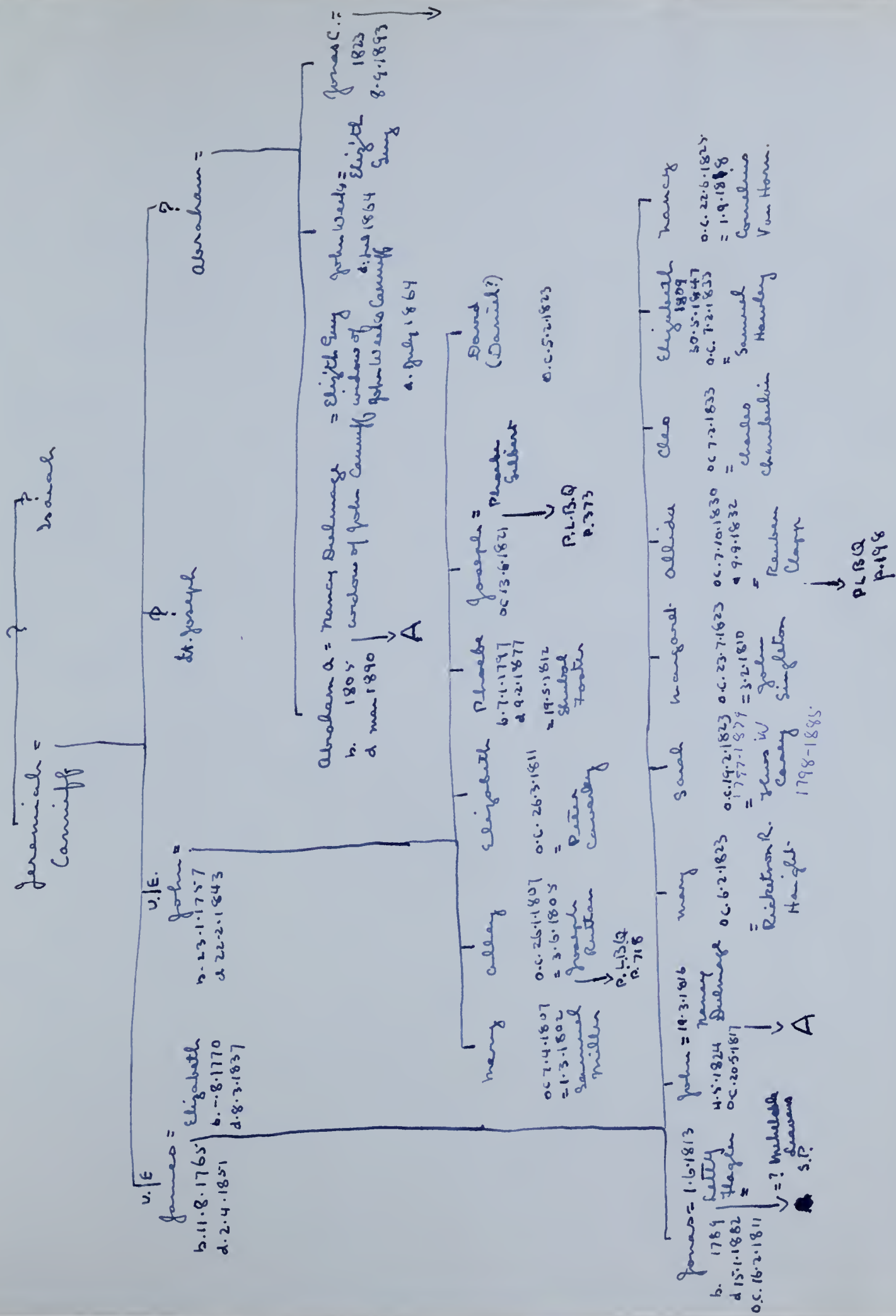
1718, 1 March #23 Isaac Larens, widow of Eva Lenchgester, born
in Wessester, lives in Eester, and
Ester Cannieff, widow of Natan Beely, born in
Mareneck, lives on menaer of Cortlandt.

1719, 31 Jan. #31 Jeremias Cannieff, J.M., born on the menaer
of Cortlandt, and
Annatie de Revier, J.D., born in Phillipsburgh,
both live there.

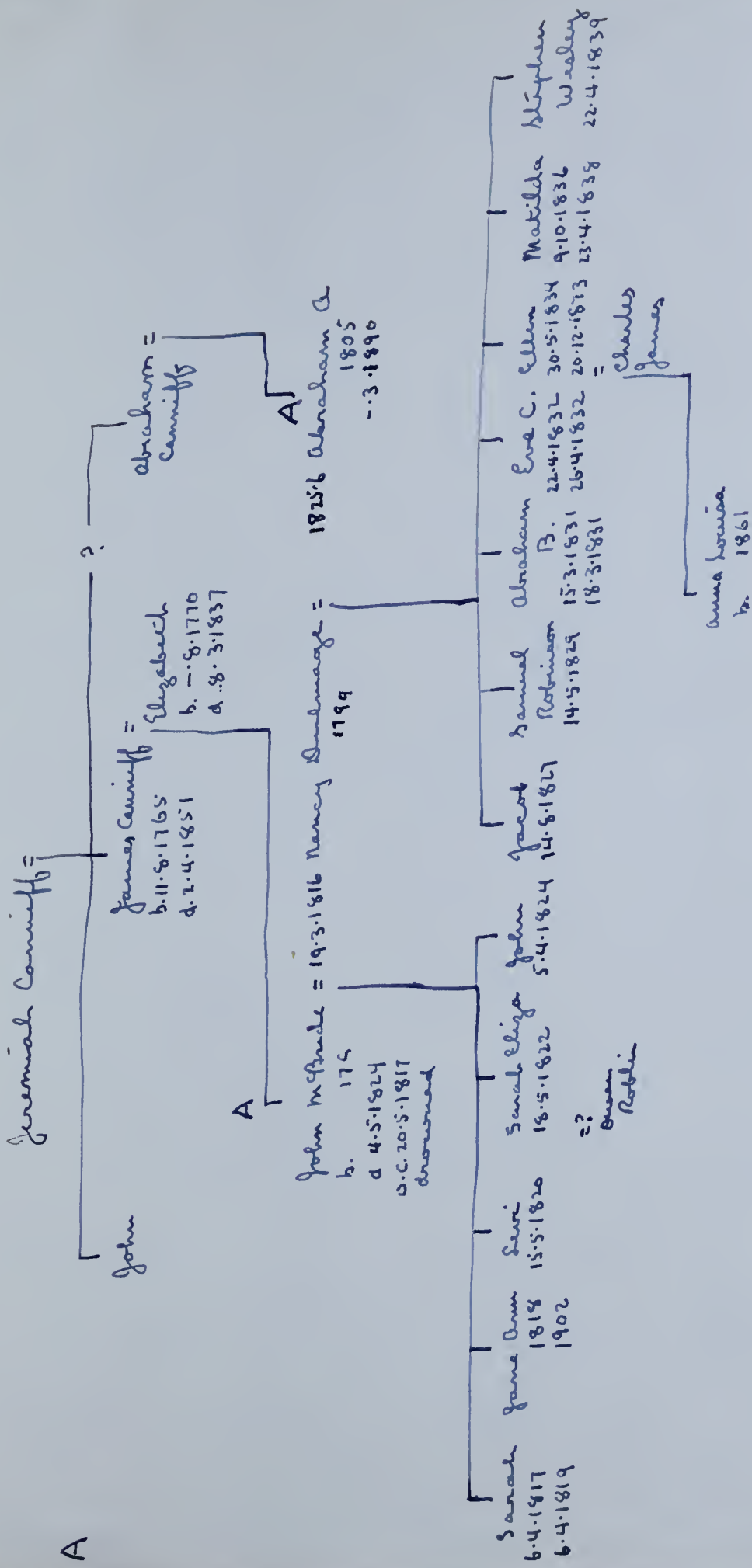
1756, 4 Dec. #304 Jacobus Kenniff, J.M. and
Niesze Banker, J.D., both born and live in
Phillipsburgh.

See Gov. George Clinton's Papers v. VI p 887 wherein
Jonas Caniff asks permission to remove to New York from
Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, where he was assessed
a fine because of his son who had joined the enemy. The
fine recorded 11 Jan 1781











ROSS Family Bible.

Deaths.

Copy 1 is in Ross file.

Elizabeth, wife of J. G. Ross, died 2 Nov., 1857.
Charles Henry Ross, died 23 June, 1855.
Mary Elizabeth Ross, died 4 Feb., 1859.
Catharine Matilda Ross, died 3 Oct., 1870.
Amanda Louisa Ross, wife of James Brockway, died 4 Oct., 1873.

Marriages.

John Grant Ross and Elizabeth Cammiff were married 16 Jan., 1840.
Amanda Louisa Ross and James Brockway were married 5 Oct., 1869.

Births.

William Ross was born 25 Aug., 1792.
Frederica Ross was born 14 April, 1797.

Their children:

+ John Grant Ross was born 21 March, 1815.
Jane Ross do 2 May, 1817.
Mary Ross do 6 June, 1819.
James Ross do 4 Dec., 1821.
Eliza Ross do 5 March, 1824.
William Ross, Jr., do 12 May, 1827.
Ellen Ross do 4 Jan., 1829.
Alexander Milton Ross do 13 Jan., 1831.
Eleanor Ross do 15 March, 1834.
Anna Ross do 15 March, 1838.
Angus Ross do 6 Jan., 1841.

John Grant Ross was born 21 March, 1815.

Elizabeth Ross do 21 Feb., 1816. d. 2 Nov. 1857

Their children:

(three not recorded here) (all d. before 2 Nov. 1857)

Catherine Matilda Ross was born 2, or 21 April, 1846. d. 3 Oct. 1870
Amanda Louisa Ross do 1 June, 1850. d. 4 Oct. 1873
Charles Henry Ross do 27 Sept., 1853. d. 23 June 1855
Mary Elizabeth Ross do 4 Sept., 1857. d. 4 Feb. 1859

Clippings.

Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. John Ross, died at her residence in Belleville, Nov. 2, 1857, second daughter of Mr. Jonas Cammiff, who resides near this town (Belleville?). She was born 21 Feb., 1816, and married 18 years ago, and had seven children, four of whom passed away before her.
Mr. Caughey, revivalist, preached her funeral service.
Her brother was her physician.

On the 14th inst., ¹⁸⁵⁹ at the residence of Alexander Ross, Esq., living near Bath, Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. John G. Ross, of Belleville, died, aged 1 year and 2 months.

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David Dulmage =

Jacob Dulmage =

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John Weeks
April 1864

Jonas C
b 1823
d 8.9.1893

John McBride Canniff 1st
drowned 4.5.1824

Nancy Dulmage =
b. 1799
died in 1851

Abraham A. Canniff.
of Durlacher Co.
b 1805
d Mar 1890
(See Census 1851 Camden, P. 9)

Rachel
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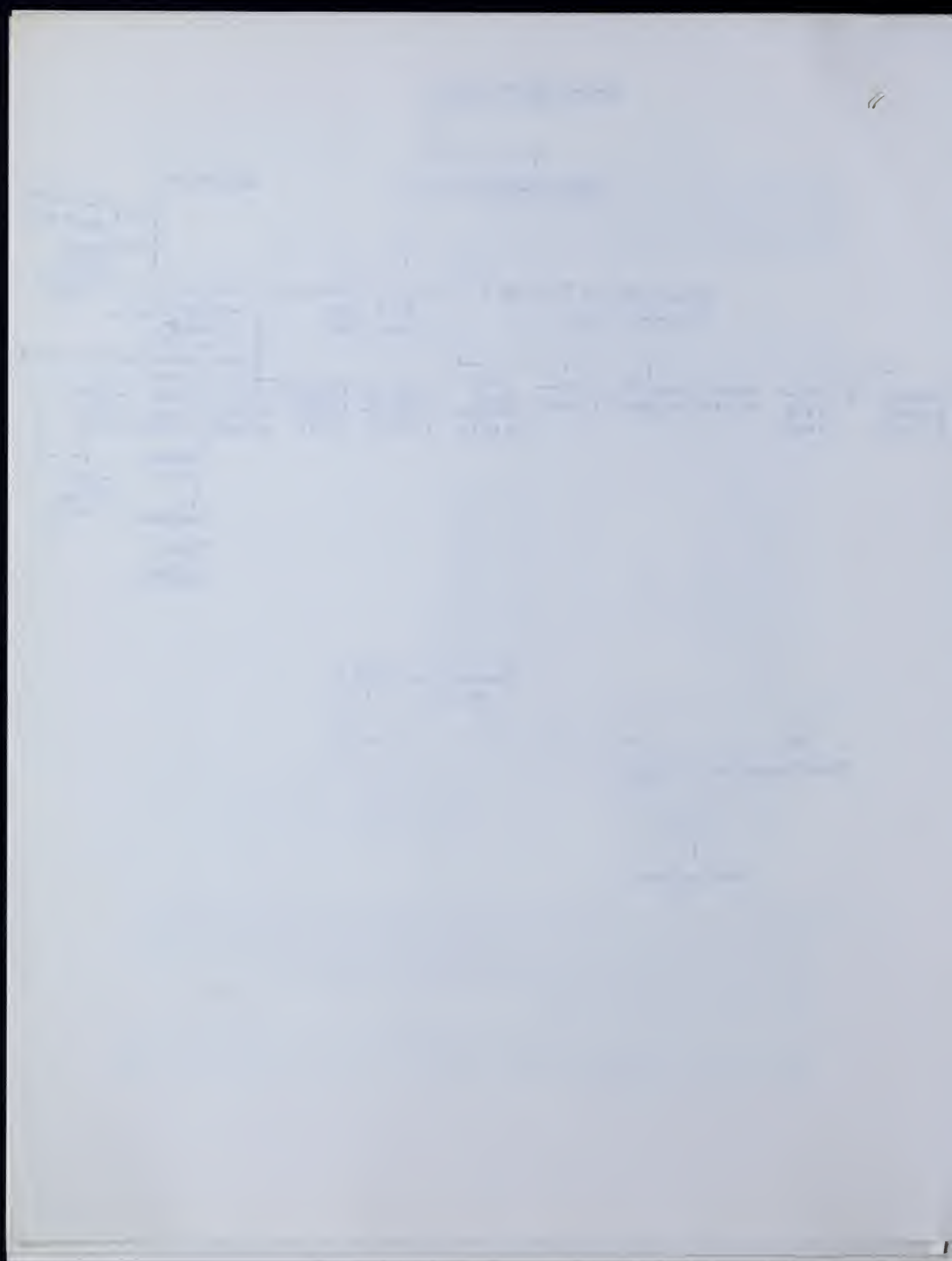
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Arthur Edw.

Isaac Canniff =
b. 1806

Henry Wanamaker = Eliza

Mrs Roy Bush



9 April, 1957

Mrs. Roy Bush,
R.R. 4, Stirling, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Bush:

I am very sorry to be so long answering your letter. I can only attribute the delay to pressure of my work, together with many matters having to do with my community and with the U. E. L. Branch., Please believe that truly sorry.

Perhaps I can answer the many questions in your letter by the following:

During the Revolution when the rebels took over a large part of the American Colonies, they drew up regulations for the purpose of controlling the actions of the people. Pressure was put on those who did not agree with them. If caught in any overt act, they were imprisoned and on release were forced to give their bond not to do anything harmful to the aims of the rebels. ~~Others~~ All persons were called upon to sign an Association, in which they promised to assist the rebel cause and not to give aid to the enemy. If they refused, they were mistreated, their stock & chattels were sold at auction to pay the cost of making them behave. This applied to old and young. As a result, a great many sought refuge within the British lines, some to enter the British Army, the others to do as they could. The result was that all, regardless of capabilities, were classed as Loyalists. In other words, war service was not the reason for a person to be classed as a Loyalist.

When the war ended, there were thousands of these Loyalists in New York, Boston, Canada, & other places then in British hands. When New York Boston, etc., were given up to the rebels, the people were transported to other lands for settlement--Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada. This transportation was finished in the fall of 1783.

In Canada, in the fall of 1783, there were about 5000 such persons who had left their homes and who were being fed by the Government. The Loyalist troops, and various British soldiers, were discharged in Dec., 1783. These, their families, and others not in the army, were the people who settled our Bay of Quinte region. Each man was given 100 acres of land. This was increased to 200 acres, plus 50 acres for wife and each child. The only cost to the Loyalist was a few shillings to cover the cost of the deed.

From 1784, when the Loyalists arrived here, to 1791, the authorities were busy settling and arranging administration, and very few settlers, other than families of Loyalists brought from the States after the settlement, came into this area, it being considered advisable to grow slowly, with a loyal populace, rather than allowing in persons of questionable loyalty.

In 1791, Gov. Simcoe arrived in Upper Canada, and he changed the settlement qualifications. He felt that the country should be filled with settlers from anywhere, including the rebel states. He even went to the length of advertising in the U. S. that land could be had free, except for small fees for handling. As you can imagine, this brought in thousands of men looking for land of their own. The only stipulations were that they must be adult, white, willing to take the oath of allegiance and industrious. A trial period of one year was required before they were entitled to a deed. This was done to see

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whether or not they would make good settlers. As can be expected, many of these people were of Loyalist leanings, if not actual service or suffering because of these leanings; some were Quakers, positive neutrals; some had even served in the rebel forces. A great many of the Loyalists were very much disturbed by this influx of their former neighbors & enemies, which was borne out during the War of 1812, when some of these recent settlers exhibited disloyalty to their new land.

Many of the Loyalists' families were still in the States when the Peace came. Some of these did not arrive in the new land for several years. Likewise, the Loyalists had brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and relatives in the States who came to Canada during this post-war period. From this you can see that all persons bearing the same surname might not be Loyalists. Mr. gr. gr. grandfather had two brothers who came in 1796. These two, naturally were not Loyalists. The same thing may have happened with the Canniffs. The Loyalist List shows James and John. Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte shows that an Abraham Canniff, likely a brother of James & John, was an early settler in Hastings.

The above may help you to see that it is necessary to be very clear in the matter of relationship before assuring one's self that one is of Loyalist descent.

I should like to clear up the matter of the so-called Loyalist List. The idea of creating a hereditary title of U. E. was the brain child of the Governor in 1789. He proposed to the Legislative Council that such should be done, and that each District must maintain a Book in which the names of the Loyalists of the District should be entered, in order that their children should by their right draw lands as such. It thus came about that in the fall of 1796, in all the Districts, the Court of the Quarter Sessions sat at different dates for the sole purpose of entering these names. A loyalist, in order to have his name in the book, had to appear in person, or by his deputy, before the court & and prove by document or witnesses that his name should be entered. Naturally, the Loyalists swarmed into the court for that purpose, so eager were they to have their names on the List. By the same token, anyone living in the Bay of Quinte District in 1796 and who did not see that his name was on the List must NOT have been a Loyalist. If he had tried, many of his Loyalist neighbors would have made a great fuss, considering how bitter these people were at the loss of home and loved ones.

I can only suggest, again, a ~~careful~~ search in the County Registry, of Surrogate, office for any early Canniff wills, early bibles, census records of Thurlow Township in 1851 (obtainable from the Public Archives, Ottawa), land application by Joseph or Isaac Canniff (from the Public Archives, Ottawa), etc.

Again my regrets for the long delay in answering your letter,
Sincerely,

H. C. Burleigh.

Stirling R.R. & Ont.
March 13, 1957.

Mr. H. C. Burleigh.
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Burleigh.

Thanks so much for your letters and information. Am I ever having a time to get in your U.E.L. Association? (Should it not be terrible when all these years I have worked so hard to keep the Historical spark alive in our community to find I was the only one left out?) Right now that "spark" seems to be almost bursting into a flame every where around. If I read history intelligently at all then now is the time to seize the opportunity to lay another good plank in that shall I say still wobbly foundation.

The trouble is, the lack of time, money & I do not drive a car myself. Some so many things I could skip here & there

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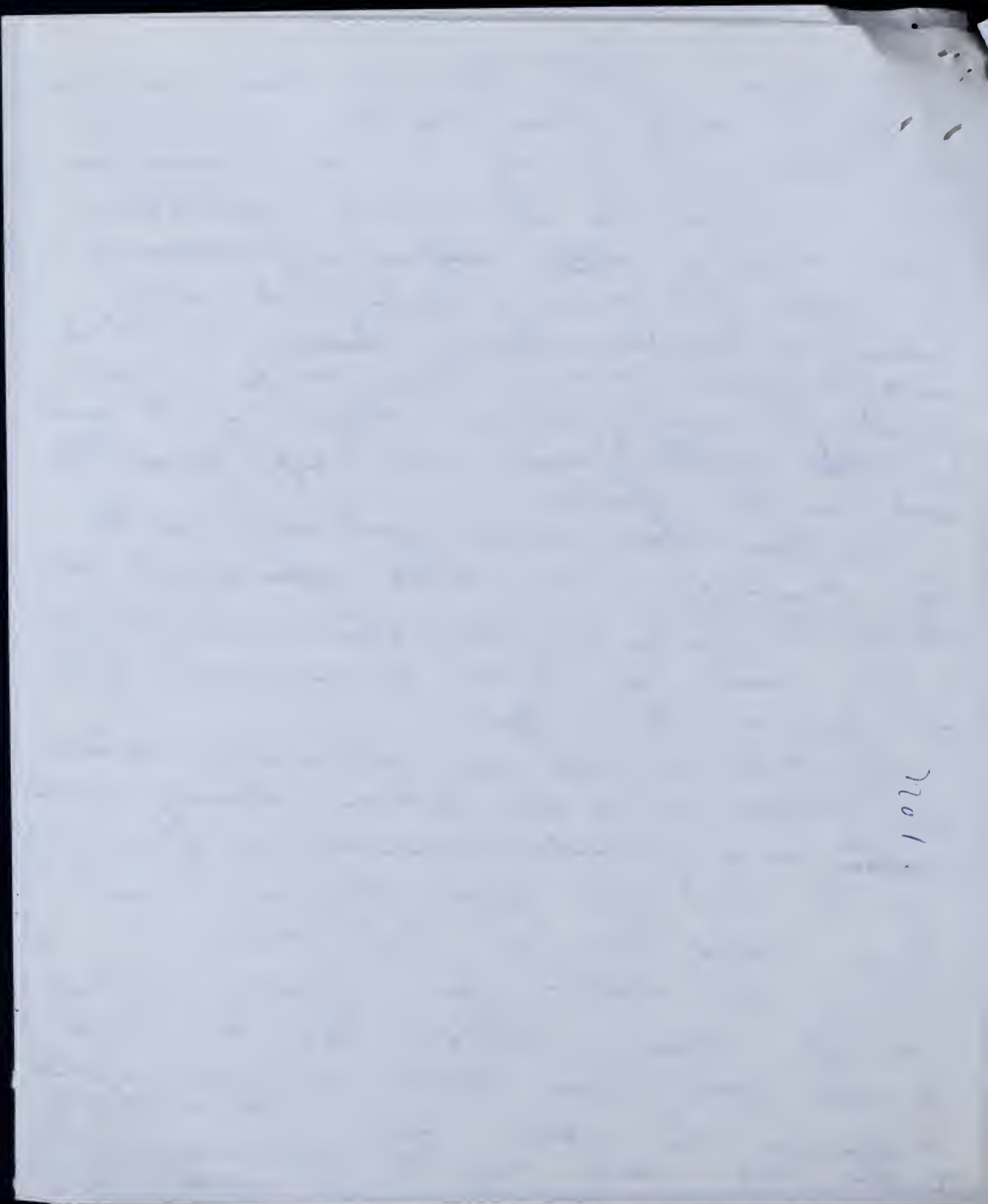
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I investigate. Then too. We have a wee
grandson - came home 5 days old - on the
197 February to carry on the name as
we live on the old Bush homestead.
I have had a little experience ⁱⁿ research
the last few years & I find it very
interesting. However I have learned the hard
way & just more or less make a lot
of work for myself. I am beginning to get
a little system ^{to it} now and hope to do better
work in the future.

Mrs. Roy Irwin came yesterday with
her knowledge of her back ground it looked
thanks to "Pioneer on Bay Point" as if we
might easily go back 8 generations to the
one granted U. E. land.

Now I am not so fortunately situated
as to have some one to have already recorded.
~~I am~~ ^{am} more interested naturally in finding
out the U. E. for Joseph Raeluck as
have worked more on that history.

I have not written you but worked
through Clarence Chord & told him things
to write you. Now I am not sure what
information he gave you. So will put
a few things down now & will continue ^{my} research as time permits.
Bessie Bush

Mrs. Roy Bush



7201.

Re. Canniffs.

You suggest I try another line.
It certainly would be grand if I
could help to get all these old
family names - recorded.

Another question - Are you only
interested in those who apply or are
you keeping incomplete records for
future use?

I would not know where to start
on ~~the~~ Smiths. & Fetterleys.

C. Check copied these to send you.
I think I have my mother's complete
family and her mother who was Eliza
Canniff. From an old Bible - made
I copied Eliza Canniff's brothers, sisters, father
& mother. Her father was Isaac Canniff.
I am sorry if we led you astray on
Joseph. I told Clarence Chard who wrote
you that it seemed to me she spoke of
Joseph but that is all. When he brought
the form back he had Joseph as
a grand parent. When I asked - about
it he said you must have found
out something about him. - So that part
about Joseph is wrong unless proved.

Village derived its name & who was its founder
in 1812 he erected a mill. The surrounding
country was at that date a wilderness when
Jas. Canniff the father & Dr. Canniff settled
down the river & commenced to clear
the forest. --- The village to day presents
to the traveller a different appearance from what
it did when John & James Canniff first
settled there. --- end of quote.

Is this the same Jas. & John as in
your letter. Where ^{was} Dr. Canniff ^{lived} Could
Isaac be a brother, here? Could
There be two marriages? ? ? ?
Is Richard the father of Jas. & John.

Directory of County of Hastings. 1860-61.
(Mackenzie Bowell)

Post office. Canniff - Jonas Canniff Jr.
Flour mill - James Canniff (The Jas. -
your letter died 1851)

Paper mill - Philip Canniff.
Hungerford - Allen & Geo. Canniff. 5 & 6 con.

* Madoc - Isaac. 4 Concession. [made by Isaac
Canniff]

Thurlow - Township officers - John Canniff
Jonas Canniff - J. P. & men - 2 con. lot 5-6.
" " Post master.

Jonas A " blacksmith. Canniff.

2.
As you say one needs proof or you
would get it wrongly all around. I was
so anxious to hear how you found
out that Joseph was Isaac father. Now
by your letter I am sure to have
letter must have "assumed" or something
Joseph could be but as yet I have
no proof. I have trace of a Conniff history
I wrote a note to Oliver Conniff last
night.

Thanks for all the information re Conniff
in your letter. Feb. 16/57.

I copied that list right from Madoc
Isaac born in 1806. ^{Your letter states} James b. 1765. Jas.
would be 41 years old. When Isaac born.
Jonas would be only 17 years old. So not
likely his father. There is a possibility
that Jas. or John could be married
more than once. Jas. 24 yrs. when Jonas born.
In the case of John. He would be
⁴⁹ ~~49~~ years old when Isaac born. If
John's children in order of birth as you
gave. Phoebe b. 1797. allowing 7 years for
the first three he would be over thirty
for first child. He was 40 years old
when Phoebe born. So it does not look

as if that Joseph³ or David old enough. If she were a descendant from a brother of John & Jas. Would they still concede her people named Cannifton?

There is always the possibility too of two names and one dropped. Several examples in Bay of Quinte book where people ~~called~~ ^{referred} by first name & you would not know what it was unless you knew both names.

Some times I get letters. "Mrs John R. Bush. Yet my husband never referred to as John but those who know him from County of Hastings Atlas. P. V.

Thurlow - in part

The people are almost entirely descendants of A. E. L. who were drawn there after the close of the Revolutionary war. During the yr. 1789 Thurlow received a large no. of Loyalists who too had been compelled to leave their homes in U.S.A. on account of persecutions - seek protection & new homes under British flag. Among those families Richard Canniff & Robt Thompson. I Daniel Canniff town clerk. From 1860 John Canniff (This must be 2nd generation) served Township Council (This must be 2nd generation) Cannifton first settled about the year 1806 by family of John Canniff. from whom the

(Thurston con) 5
 Canniff. John Township Clerk. Canyton.
 " James. J. P. Moira flouring mills. near
 Belleville. See adv. 52
 " Philip F. J. P. Moira Paper mill near
 Belleville. See adv. 51
 " John. W. butcher. Canyton
 " Lawrence. yeoman. 6 con. part bts 21. 22
 " Thomas. yeoman. Canyton.
 " Daniel. " "
 " Nancy. widow. "
 " Joseph. J. P. yeoman. "
 " Gilbert yeoman. 3 con. Pt. tot. 8
 Lynden age. Jas. Canniff yeoman. 7 con. Lt 12.
 Have you any record of Joe. Canniff
 who served under Royal Forces - 1776-1783
 children
 I also have a Directory of Durham. Hering.
 Lenoxy. Addington. Northumberland. P. Ed. for 1893 Vol. VII
 by Union Publishing Cos. of Ingersoll.
 Thirteenth. - 8 Canniffs - 8 con 3 lots. 7, 6 or 4
 I would not have the slightest notice
 where you would start to find Isaac's father.
 Will send this - Not knowing whether the right
 thing to do or not.
 B. B.



Re. Rosebush.

I was born on the land that has always & is still in Rosebush possession. A lot of the story is told in a recent book "The Rosebush, Rosebush Family" - a most complete & comprehensive book well bound & complete with records & authority, ^{listed always} not only of the family but several branches and includes a lot of pictures & general information. edited by (Waldo E. Rosebush. as a memorial & gift to historians. He placed several in main libraries in Can. & U. S. I hope you have seen this book - as I am sure you would be interested. Then you ^{will} doubt have the "Mack & Son" families edited by Mr. Harry W. Mack. 1896. Woodward Ave., Detroit. 3. Mich.

The other address - Mr. W. E. Rosebush. 411. E. Washington St., Appleton. Wisconsin. This book was published by C. C. Nelsons publishing Co., Appleton, Wisconsin. The "Badger Printing Co." Sept. 1954

My mother lived with my grandmother Rosebush & she in turn with the great grandmother & the story was handed

time who were ⁴ never recorded? Were there
more records kept, the officers?

I note in your letter Nov. 8. 1956.

In order to qualify -
He must - - - - -

or must have in some material way
given evidence - favouring & support of
Br. G.V.

I think there is a record when he
left the U. S. - why would anyone
leave at that time?

where there other people beside U.E.
who came ~~stay~~ around 1794-96 ~~be~~
to Upper Canada. I understood the U.E.
coming started Upper Can. - then the
Eng & Scotch etc. followed - a few years
after ^{could legislation make a list} those who
^{could be proven to come at that time} ~~as supposed~~ U.E.L.

Beane Bush
(Mrs. Day Bush.)

down that these people came because they
did not want to fight the English as
they had treated them well & had taken
them in when they fled from France.
my great grand father Lewis Rosebush
would be perhaps too young born either
1772 or 1777? Somewhere I have it he
was 19 when came or ask for grant. Our
Bible gave the date as 1772 Last of June 1777
They were French Huguenots & spelled
Roser. Would Joseph's name be on the
list as Joseph Rosier as at first it
went by that & he is referred to in records
as the Frenchman. Rosebush is English spell.
Mother's dying wish was that I get the
Rosebush name on W.E. list as there had papers
& letters come & never were answered.
Most of these older books were listed
by those who paid & were printed by
people in S. of East. & maybe not never
contacted the same. Mother & dad always
prided themselves as being of U.E. stock.
So some let down for sure!

It seems to me if a second list
was arranged or permitted & several can
prove like the Joseph above in Adolphetown
in 1794 with the U.E. a "suspected"
list could be made. I understood a large
to ~~come~~ not prove much more than I yet
always thought they belonged. We have

3.
have now just hooked up so many to
his Josephs for a while. There seemed
no Roschuck name. now it is apparent
all over - that in a few years several
of those will want to join the U.E. but
will never be able to get in as the target
is harder.

There is something somewhere about
being ~~Shelburne~~ first at Ernestown??
(Will have to look up) Would that make
any difference with records?

You have already had Dr. Mack's
view point. Have all those on U.E. list
a recorded record of military service? There
is no record that he ever was with
army in the States & didn't everyone have
to either fight or get out?

Could he have obtained land at that
time any other way than for service? I
can understand how hard it must have
been to keep & get those records & how
little emphasis would be placed on the
term U.E. in making out those grants at
that time. - in making it down.

Enough for Roschuck now. I will keep trying.
What other proof beside military would you need?
I thought when teaching we gave definition of U.E.
Loyalist - those who gave up their homes & fled to
Canada as well as those who took up arms.
Were there not a lot of soldiers who fought for a short

Bath, Ontario, 16 Feb., 1957.

Mrs. Bessie H. Bush,
P. R. 4, Stirling, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Bush:

I have just received your new application from Mr. Young.
Many thanks for the same.

After a careful review I find that there must be a generation missing. So, I am offering you some new Canniff material, and asking John Chard, U.E., to help you get it straightened out. Please do not think that I am trying to delay your admission to membership. Rather am I wanting to ensure that there can be no dispute as to your claim.

Two Canniffs, James and John, were Loyalists. James was of Adolphustown, and John was of Thurlow.

James, born 1765; died 1851, married Elizabeth.

Their children were:

Jonas, born 1789; died 1832; married Lotty Magler in 1813.

John, of Thurlow. marr. Nancy Dulmage

There were also several daughters: Mary, Sarah, Margaret, Allida, Cleo, Elizabeth
Nancy.

John Canniff, of Thurlow, born 1757; died 1843.

His children were:

Mary, marr. Samuel Miller, of Adolphustown.

Alley, marr. Joseph Ruttan, of Adolphustown.

Elizabeth, marr. Peter Caverley, of Sidney.

Phoebe, born 1797, marr. Shubal Foster of Sidney. She died in Belleville 1877.

Joseph, of Thurlow.

David (or Daniel), of Thurlow.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte states that Joseph Canniff marr. Phoebe Gilbert. His children were: Ada, Bessie, Bertha, Maud.

Another source says that the children of Joseph and Phoebe were:

John, who marr. Mary Vrooman, of Canniffton, and had Jennie, Peter, Sarah.

Gilbert, marr. Sarah Mills.

Daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah, Phoebe, Dancy, Mary, Anna, Milda.

As you will note, Isaac cannot, at present, be placed in the above families. Still, he must belong to the Thurlow family of Canniffs who founded Canniffton. Perhaps Likel's history of Belleville would furnish a clue, or, perhaps, someone in the Canniff family may already have found and compiled notes on your family. Better still, who has the old Canniff family bible?

I wish you the best of luck with your quest.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Burleigh.

Handwritten note:
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John 5
She was Jonas.

Bath, Ontario, 16 Feb., 1957

Mr. E. John Chard, U.E.,
R. R. 4, Stirling, Ont.

Dear John:

As you will note by the attached letter, I am taking the liberty of suggesting your assistance in the matter of Mrs. Bush's application. Please advise her in every way possible, in order that she may qualify.

Unfortunately, her application as descendant of Rosebush did not hold water, to which decision Dr. Mack took exception. Now, she has run into a snag with her Canniff line. I am afraid that she will think that I am taking every opportunity to block her in the approval of her application. This, as you will know, is far from the truth. I am very anxious that she qualify; at the same time, I feel, that the line of descent should be in order. I would not want future generations of Loyalists to pick flaws in my approvals, at the same time questioning someone's right to the title.

Mrs. Bush filled in her application as follows:

Gr. gr. grandparent: 'Not too sure about this but Joseph Canniff was believed to be a nephew of James Canniff, grandfather of Dr. William Canniff the originator of the U. E. L. Centennial celebration in 1884.'

Gr. grandparent: 'Isaac Canniff b. 1806 in Upper Canada was a son of

Lieut. Joseph Canniff who served under the Royal Forces, New Jersey Volunteers during war of 1776-1783.'

Grandparent: 'Eliza Canniff b. 1832, daughter of Isaac Canniff who married Henry Wannamaker'.

You will recall that there are two Loyalist Canniffs--James and John--no Joseph. I suspect that Joseph was parent of the other two. Neither of these Loyal Canniffs had, so far as I can ascertain, a son, Isaac. That he, Isaac, may have been a grandson of either of them is the thing to prove. Please give her the benefit of your advice.

Please, also, tell her somehow that I have no reason to stand in her way of becoming recognized as a Loyalist.

Yours sincerely

H. C. Burleigh.

Census of 1851

Banden Township

Canniff.

Abraham Canniff	farmer	born U. States	W. Meth.	age 47
John	"	" C. West	"	27
Stephen	"	" "	"	13
Ann	"	" "	"	53
Ellen	"	" "	"	18

(Note: Ellen marr. 7 Sept 1859 Charles James,
Merchant, of Napanee. She of Newburg)



Census of Adolphustown

	John Canniff	James Canniff	Jonas Canniff
1794	3 1 2 7		
1795	4 2 3 6	1 1 2 1	
1796	2 1 2 5	1 1 2 1	
1797	2 2 2 5	1 1 2 1	
1799	1 1 4 6	1 1 2 2	
1800	2 4 4 4	1 1 2 3	
1801	3 1 3 6	1 1 2 3	
1802		1 1 2 4	
1803	1 1 2 4	1 1 2 3	
1804	2 1 3 4	1 1 2 4	
1805	2 3 3 2	1 1 2 5	
1806	1 1 3 3	1 1 2 5	
1807	3 3 3 1	1 1 2 6	
1808	2 2 3 1	2 1 2 6	
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1811		3 1 0 5	
1812		3 1 0 5	
1813		3 1 0 6	
1814		2 2 1 5	1 1 0 1
1816		1 3 0 3	
1820		1 3 1 2	
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Anglican Cemetery, Adolphustown.

James Canniff, d. April 2, 1851, aged 85-7-22 (b 11-8-1765)
 Elizabeth, his wife, d. Mar. 8, 1837, aged 66-7-0 (b Aug. 1775)
 Samuel Hawley, d. Apr. 7, 1888, aged 83 (b 1805) ~~was~~
 Elizabeth Canniff, his wife, d. May 30, 1847, aged 38 (b 1809) years.
 Margaret Morden, his wife, d. July 7, 1897, aged 85 (1812) years
 James E. Hawley, d. Apr. 24, 1837, aged 10 months.
 Eliza J. Hawley, wife of W. H. Swellman, d. Oct. 13, 1885, aged 43 yrs.

P. L. B. Q.

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Abraham Canniff

(note: Abraham must be brother of James & John and not H.E.)

(Although he might be son of John H.E. who was born 1757)

Abraham A	John Weeks	James C
b. 1806	d. Feb 1864	d. Sept 8/1893
d. Mar 1890	= Eliza	ca 70 yrs
= 1 st Nancy Dulmage	Wife	= Mary E.
widow of his Cousin		sister of
John W. Canniff (son of Jas H.E.)		Si Washington Bowels
= 2 nd Eliza Guy		
widow of his bro.		
John Weeks Canniff		

James Canniff (= Elizabeth
 (b. 1765) (b. 1770)
 (d. 1851) (d. 1837)

James	John W.	Margaret	Anna	Eliza	Sarah	Mary	Eliza	Elizabeth
= Nancy	= John	= Cornelius	= Reuben	= Thomas	= Richard	= Charles	= Samuel	
Dulmage	Simpson	Van Home	Clapp	Cassidy	Haight	Chamberlain	Hawley	

Sons + Daurs. of U. E.
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James Canniff, of Adolphustown. (1765-1851, = Elizabeth, 1770-1837)

Jonas, of Adolphustown, mar. Letty Flagler 1.6.1813

d. 15.1.1852 as 92 1799

O.C. 16.2.1811

John, of Thurlow

20.5.1817

Mary, mar. Rykerson R. Haight, of Fredericksburgh

6.2.1823

Sarah, mar. Thos Casey, of Marysburgh

19.2.1823

Margaret, mar. John Singleton, of ~~Adolphustown~~ ^{do}

3.2.1810 23.7.1823

+ Allida, mar. ^{Ruben}

Clapp, of Adolphustown

O.C. 7.10.1830 + 9.9.1837

Cleo. (m. Chas Chamberlain

7.2.1833

Elizabeth, mar. ^{Samuel}

Hensley, of Adolphustown

do

Nancy, mar. Cornelius Van Horn, of Hillier

22.6.1825

John Canniff, of Thurlow, b. 23.1.1757; d. 22.2.1843

Mary, mar. Samuel Miller, of Adolphustown

^{m. 1.3.1802} O.C. 7.4.1807

+ Alley, mar. Joseph Rattan, do

mar. 3.6.1805 26.1.1807

Elizabeth, mar. Peter Caverley, of Sidney

26.3.1811

Phoebe, b. 7.1.1797, mar. 19.5.1812 Shubal Foster

of Sidney; d. Belleville 9.2.1877

20.5.1817

Joseph, of Thurlow

13.6.1821

David (Daniel?), of Thurlow

5.2.1823

Peter Rattan, of Adolphustown. Capt. N. J. Vols

Joseph, of Adolphustown, mar. 3.6.1805; Alley Canniff

16.2.1810

George Singleton, of Thurlow. Capt K R R N Y. Bur. 23.3.1789

John, of Thurlow, mar. 3.2.1811, Margaret Canniff

16.2.1810

only heir.

Letty's Diary.

Joseph Canniff died 3 Feb 1872.

Clark's Diary

1859, 7 Sept. Charles James, Esq., Merchant of Napanee, and Ellen
Canniff of Newburg married.

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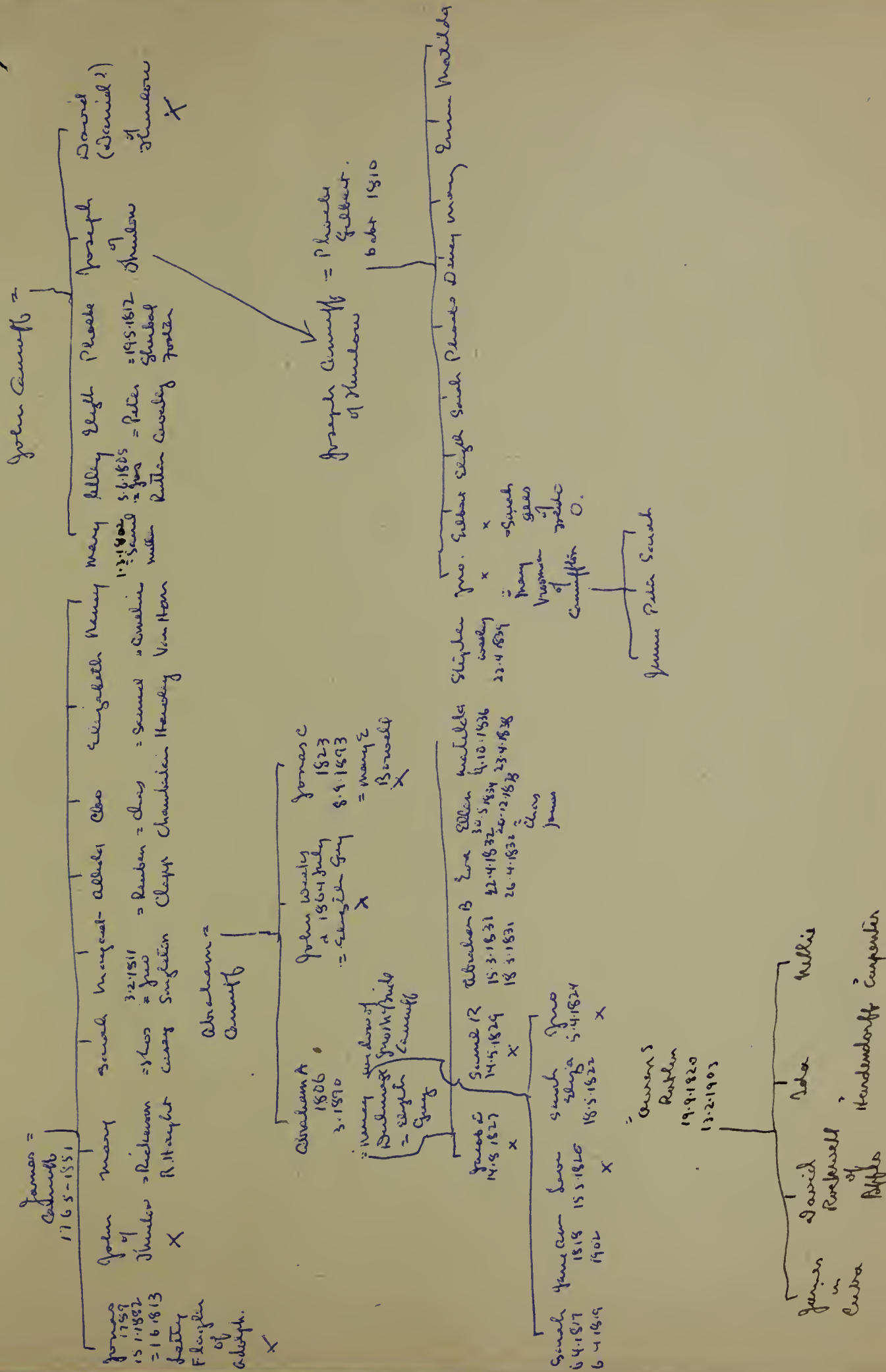
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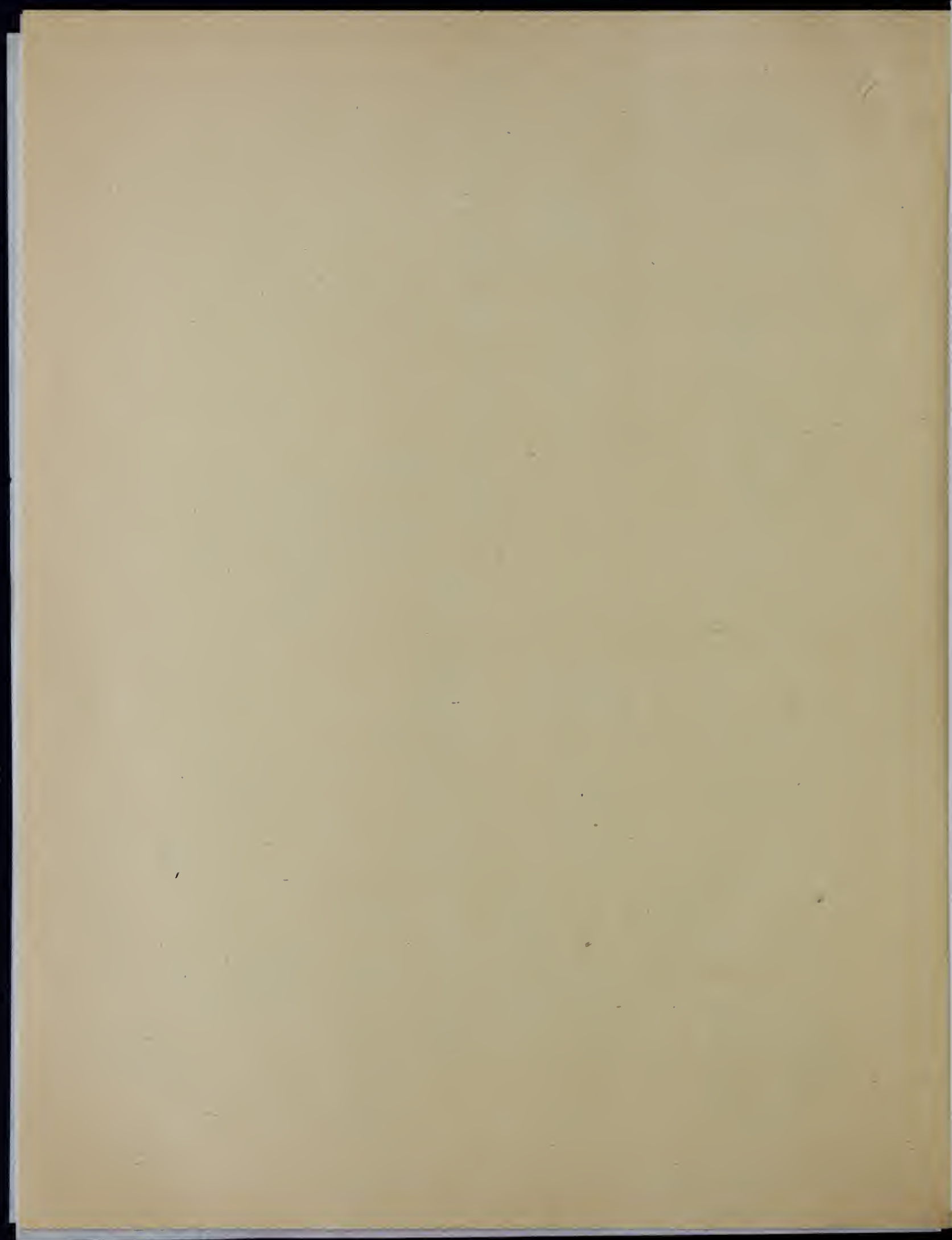
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New York

Caniff

Heads of Families, 1790

Albany County

Coxsackie Town

Caniff, William

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Caniff, Jeremiah

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Caniff, Abraham

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Caniff, Richard

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Caniff, Isaiah

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Halfmoon Town

Caniff, Isaac

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Dutchess County

Clinton Town

Caniff, Reuben

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Fishkill Town

Caniff, Jonas

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Caniff, Abraham

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Ulster County

New Marlborough Town

Caniff, James

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Newburgh Town

Caniff, Jacob

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Westchester County

Mt. Pleasant Town

Caniff, Richard

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Caniff, James

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U. E. List

Caniff John

Adolphustown

Was within the British lines at New York

Caniff

in 1782. P. Dorland's afft.

Caniff James

do

P. states only loyalist, & not to have had any land in 1797.

Haldimand Papers

not in Adolphustown in Oct 1784. nor in any part of them

U. E. list. Ottawa

John
James

} also sons & daus.

(Abraham not found)



Records of Adolphustown Town Meetings.

Canniff.

Personal Notes.

The Canniffs.

The Canniffs.--James Canniff was for years a leading resident of Adolphustown; he owned a farm in the third concession on the Hay Bay Shore. He died there in 1851, aged 86 years. He was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y. He reared a large family, and there are many of his descendants yet, occupying leading and respectable positions here and there, but not one of the name now resides in the township. He had two sons, Jonas and John. The former became a large mill-owner a few miles up the river from Belleville. Dr. William Canniff, author of the "History of the U. E. Loyalists in U. C.," and later on City Physician of Toronto, was a son of Jonas. John also became a mill-owner and the founder of Cannifton, on the Moira River, Hastings County. The daughters married well known citizens, viz., Thomas Casey, Ricketson Haight, and Samuel Hawley, all of Adolphustown; Samuel Miller of Fredericksburgh, John Singleton (for many years postmaster at Brighton), Cornelius Van Horn of Hillier, ----- Chamberlain, and Reuben Clapp, of Adolphustown.

Adolphustown Land Grants

John Canniff Conc. 3, lot 20 W $\frac{1}{2}$ 100 ac 17 May 1802
 " 3 " 26 E $\frac{1}{2}$ 107 " 9 Apr. 1804
 James " " 3 " 22 W $\frac{1}{2}$ 100 " 17 May 1802

Proceedings, Albany Committee of Correspondence.

Apr 27. 1776

Capt. Samuel Van Veghten complained to this Board that one of his recruiting Officers had enlisted two Men in the District of Kinderhook and that they were rescued from said Officers by Israel & Jeremiah Canniff of said District- the said Complaint was supported by two Affidavits.

Thereupon

Resolved that the Committee of the District of Kinderhook be requested forthwith to Cause the said Israel & Jeremiah Canniff to be apprehended and that the following letter be sent to said Committee

2 May 1776

Israel Canniff the person mentioned in the above letter, appeared before this Board and Thereupon Resolved that the said Canniff enter into sufficient Security for his appearance at the next General meeting of this Committee which

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the book "The History of the United States" by John P. Kennedy, Esq. I have the pleasure to inform you that the book has been ordered and will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. P.

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said security was taken in the following manner

The said Isaac Canniff was bound in the sum of £100

Abraham Canniff & John Cook each in the sum of £50 -
Conditioned for the appearance of the said Isaac Canniff
on Thursday next.

Census of 1790

New York

Albany County

Half Moon Town

Canniff, Isaac

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Dutchess County

Clinton Town

Canniff, Reuben

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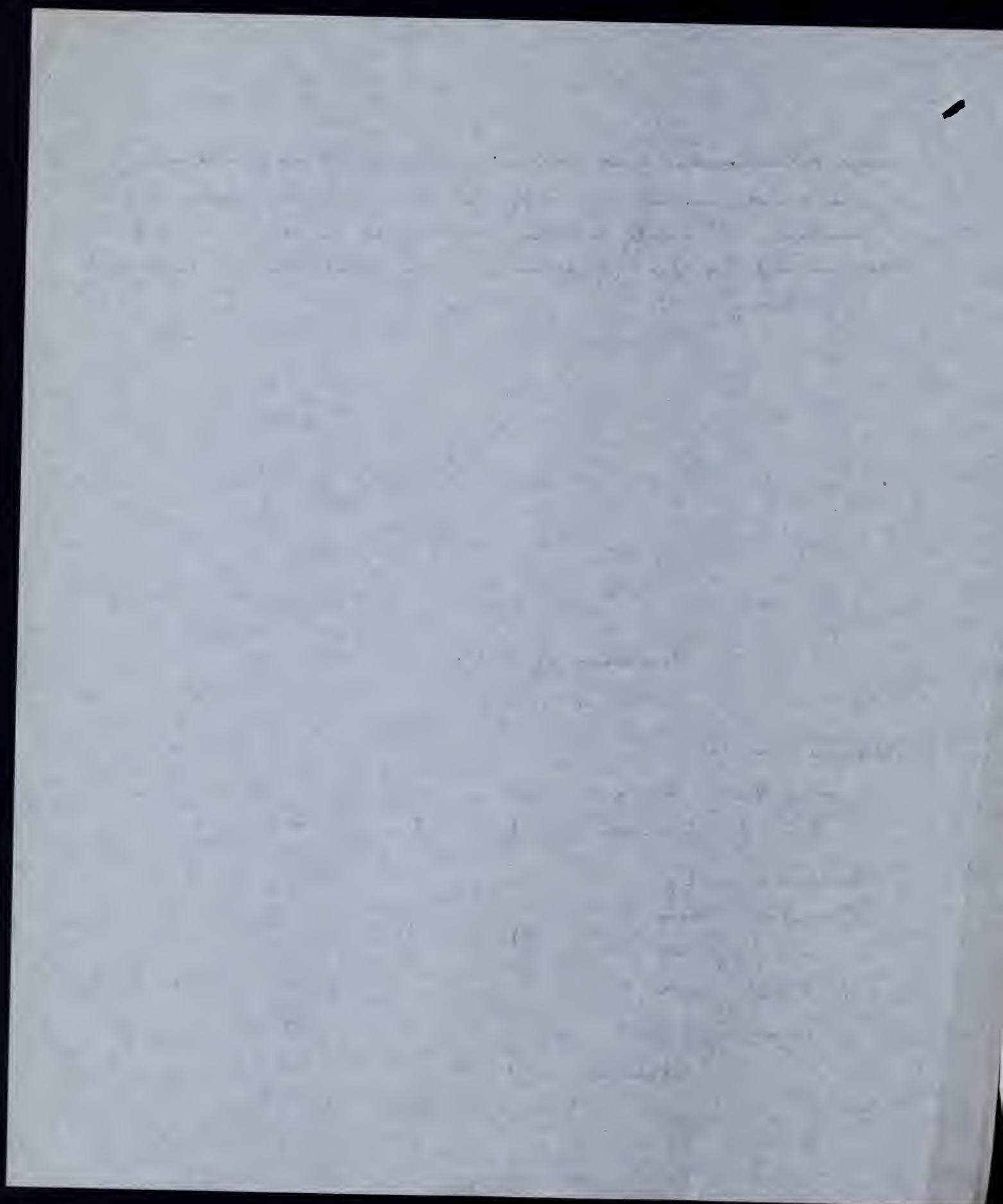
Fishkill Town

Canniff, Jonas

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" Abraham

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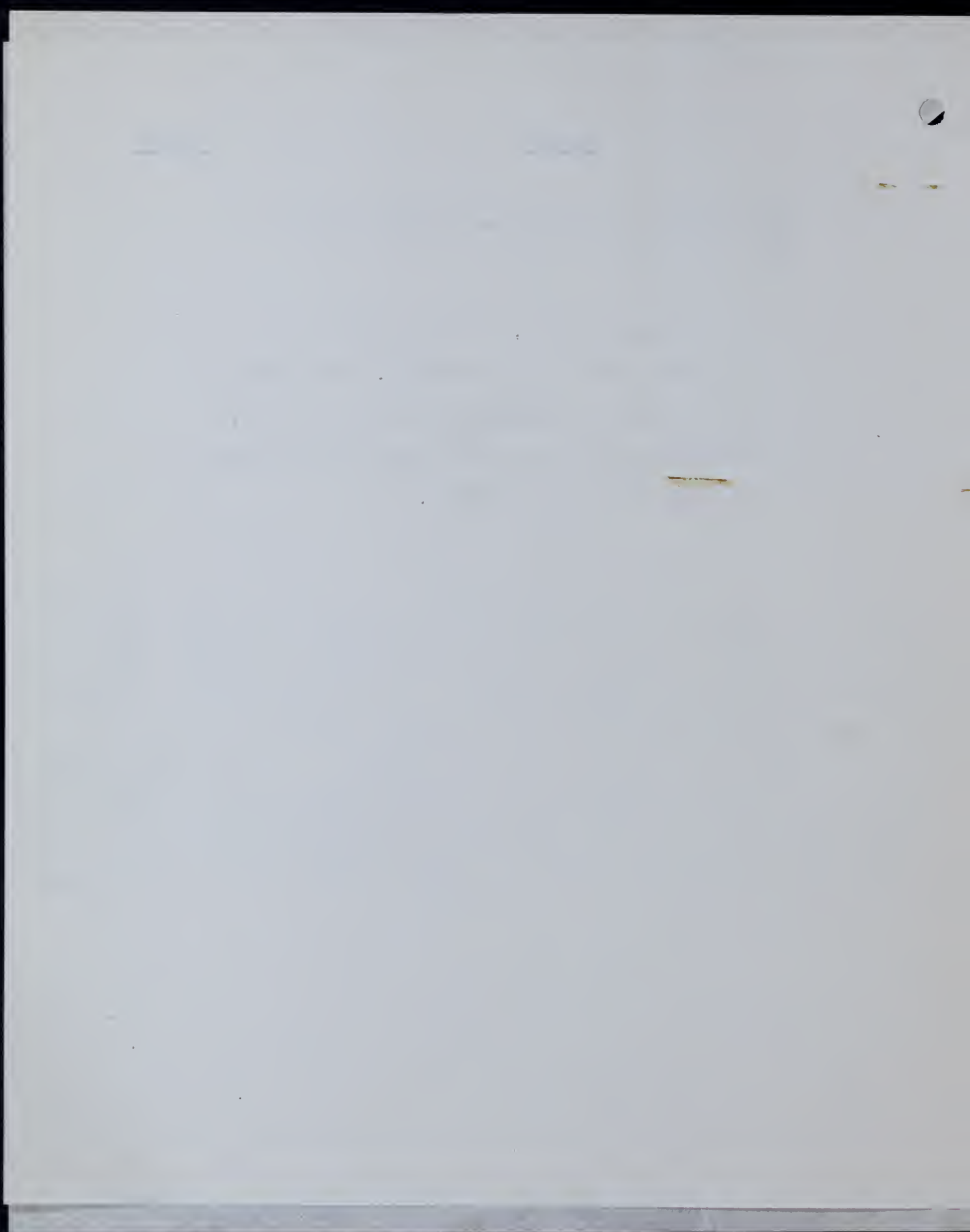
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Canniff's History of the Settlement of Upper Canada

"Joseph Canliff, in 1781 a lieutenant in the first battalion New Jersey Volunteers." This person is probably of the same lineage as the writer of this work, great confusion often existing with regard to the spelling of names in the early days of America.

McDowall Register

Samuel Miller, Frederickburgh, & Mary Canniff, Adolphustown 1 Mar 1802
Joseph Rattan & Abby Canniff, both of Frederickburgh 3 June 1805
John Singleton & Margaret Canniff, Adolphustown 7 Feb 1810
The first postmaster of Brighton, Ontario, &
position he held for many years.
John Singleton, Thurlow, & Margaret Canniff, Adolphustown 5 Feb 1811
Shirash Foster & Phebe Canniff, both of Thurlow 19 May 1812
John Canniff, & Nancy Dulmage both of Adolphustown 12 Mar 1816
Cornelius Van Horn & Ana Canniff " 1 Sep 1818



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